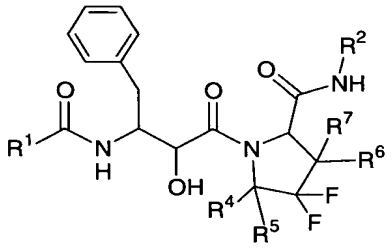
We claim:

1. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I-H), or a prodrug, pharmaceutically active metabolite, or pharmaceutically active salt or solvate thereof,



(I-H)

wherein:

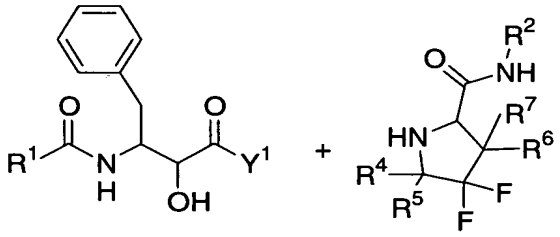
R^1 is a 5- or 6-membered mono-cyclic carbocyclic or heterocyclic group, wherein said carbocyclic or heterocyclic group is saturated, partially unsaturated or fully unsaturated and is optionally substituted by at least one substituent chosen from C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy, C_{6-10} arylcarbonyloxy, and heteroarylcarbonyloxy;

R^2 is C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with at least one halogen; and

R^4, R^5, R^6 and R^7 are independently chosen from H and C_1-C_6 alkyl;

comprising:

reacting a compound of formula (II), wherein Y^1 is hydroxyl or a leaving group, with a compound of formula (III), or a salt or solvate thereof,



(II) (III)

2. A process according to claim 1, wherein Y^1 is hydroxyl.

3. A process according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted by at least one substituent chosen from C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy, C_{6-10} arylcarbonyloxy, and heteroarylcarbonyloxy.

4. A process according to claim 3, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H):
R^2 is C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with at least one halogen;
R^4 and R^5 are H; and
R^6 and R^7 are independently chosen from H and C_1-C_6 alkyl.

5. A process according to claim 4, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^6 and R^7 are C_1-C_6 alkyl.

6. A process according to claim 5, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^6 and R^7 are methyl.

7. A process according to claim 6, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^2 is C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with at least one fluorine.

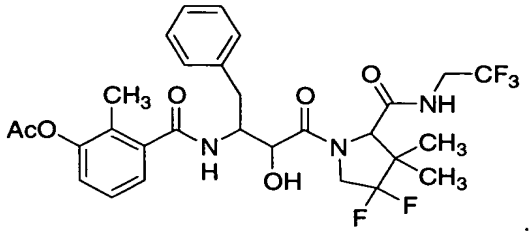
8. A process according to claim 7, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^1 is phenyl substituted by at least one substituent chosen from C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyl, and C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy.

9. A process according to claim 8, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^1 is phenyl substituted by at least one substituent chosen from methyl, hydroxyl, and methycarbonyloxy.

10. A process according to claim 9, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^2 is $-CH_2CF_3$.

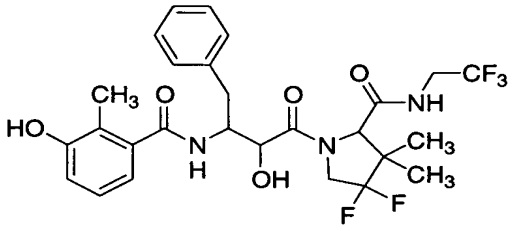
11. A process according to claim 10, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^1 is phenyl substituted by methyl and methylcarbonyloxy.

12. A process according to claim 11, wherein the compound of formula (I-H) is:

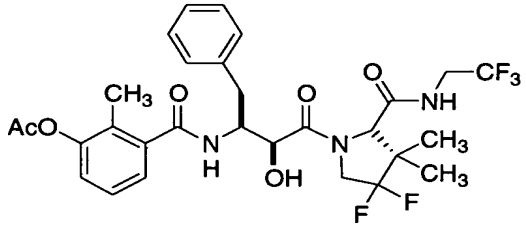


13. A process according to claim 10, wherein in the compound of formula (I-H) R^1 is phenyl substituted by methyl and hydroxyl.

14. A process according to claim 13, wherein the compound of formula (I-H) is:



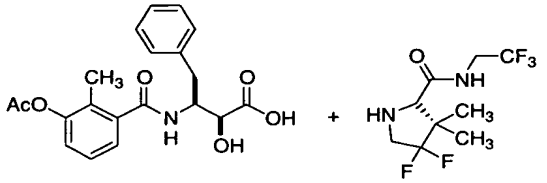
15. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I-J),



(I-J)

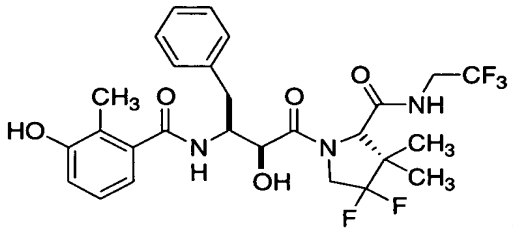
comprising:

reacting a compound of formula (II-A) with a compound of formula (III-A).



(II-A) (III-A)

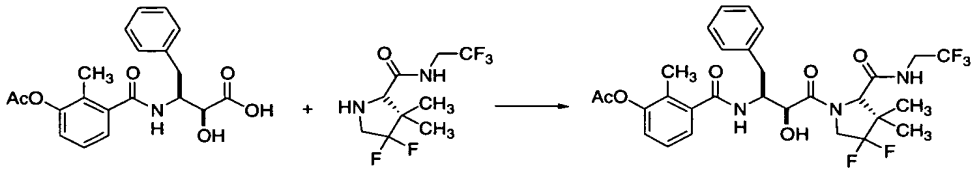
16. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I-K),



(I-K)

comprising:

(i) reacting a compound of formula (II-A) with a compound of formula (III-A),



(II-A) (III-A) (I-J)

to afford a compound of formula (I-J); and

(ii) deprotecting the compound of formula (I-J).